

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL STANDARDS

THE STANDARDS MANUAL

This Manual has been developed to assist correctional managing officials in meeting standards. The changes to the style of the manual were made to make it more reader friendly and perhaps increase its use. The Commission and staff take great pride in the revised standards and the improved look of the manual.

The standards for Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) and Adult Community Correctional Facilities (ACCF) have been revised for codification in COMAR. The standards for these two categories have been updated to be more specific and quantitative and are similar to the changes made in 1991 to the Adult Detention Center's (ADC) regulations. A listing of **Definitions** precedes the standards for ADC, ACI and ACCF. These definitions are meant to clarify terminology in an effort to minimize problems with standards interpretation. The **Compliance Criteria** and **Explanations** will assist you in understanding the intent of the standards and suggest methods to meet them. The new numbering system should prove to be of assistance.

The **Audit Process** has not changed since 1991. The Audit Process section, as well as the section entitled **How To Prepare For An Audit**, should be reviewed by the Managing Official. Also, a **Reference** section is included. This information is provided to give the reader an understanding of the Commission, staff and the enabling legislation. In this section is a listing of all administrators of adult places of correctional confinement in the state. This resource may be a valuable networking tool.